

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 564

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A RESOLUTION to commend Larry Allison for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Larry Allison is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary twenty-year service to the Gallatin American Legion Little League, Mr. Allison has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Mr. Allison began coaching 9-12 year-olds, beginning in minor league and he soon advanced to little league; in 1993, his team, which was sponsored by Boze Logging, won the championship, and in 1996 he advanced to the position of President of the League; and

WHEREAS, since Mr. Allison has been part of the league, he has spent countless hours coaching, working on and keeping up the field, and directing the league; he has overseen vast improvements to the American Legion facilities, including improved dugouts, fences, foul polls, bull pens, and a batting cage; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Mr. Allison was instrumental in organizing the American Legion Senior League Baseball in Gallatin; and

WHEREAS, affectionately referring to everyone he knows as "Bubba," Larry Allison has become a beloved pillar of the Little League community, demonstrating his devotion to the sport and its players in countless ways; once, when concrete was being laid for the new American Legion facility, he stayed up all night protecting it from animals and vandals while it dried; and

WHEREAS, since he has been President, the American Legion Little League All-Star teams have won the Tennessee District 2 Champions three times, in 1996, 1998, and 2006; in 1998, the team was the runner-up at the Tennessee State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Allison's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Larry Allison is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, those who know him best speak of Mr. Allison as a man who knows the game of baseball, appreciates and respects the history of the game, and has made a special effort through the years to pass along the complete game of baseball to the children and families of Sumner County; and

WHEREAS, Larry Allison is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Larry Allison for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee during his twenty years with the Gallatin American Legion Little League and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.